

VAN DUZOR HITS HARD.

He Was Connected With Diston Drainage and Knows the Value of Saw Grass Lands From Experience.

The Journal has no interest in the drainage scheme except as a citizen of Florida and in opposing it we are honestly seeking to serve what we think to be to the best interest of the whole people of the state.

We have never doubted Governor Broward's sincerity in the great fight which he is making to fix irrevocably the scheme upon the people of the state, but we do believe that he has been misled and is deceived about the real value of the lands after drainage.

Viewing the matter in this light we have honestly sought information of the subject from those in position to know and publish below a letter from Mr. W. L. VanDuzor, who was connected with Diston drainage enterprise and who has cultivated drained lands, and witnessed the efforts of others in their cultivation and is therefore capable of speaking intelligently on the subject.

A careful reading of the letter which follows, will no doubt enlighten many who know absolutely nothing of the conditions.—Bradentown Journal.

Kissimmee, Fla., Sept. 25, 1906.

To the Editor of the Times:

I have read with interest Governor Broward's speech delivered in Tampa and would request you to print a few facts—the other side of the picture.

I had several years' experience in constructing canals to drain much lands, as the superintendent of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land company. About thirty miles of canals were dug in the upper Everglades, or the lands bordering Lake Okeechobee, and these bordering lands are practically all of the vast Everglades that is not absolutely worthless.

For thirty years or more I have watched the efforts of others in cultivation of muck lands. Among them the present State Chemist, R. E. Rose, who spent about \$60,000 on his muck farm and made a complete failure. He is now telling Governor Broward and the people of Florida of the great fertility of the Everglades. A S. Kinsman spent \$100,000 at Southport; Francis Goblet expended fully as much and a number of others, including J. M. Towne, of Tampa, spent large sums and failed to produce crops profitably. This was the result on muck lands in the vicinity of Kissimmee, which have not been irrigated since 1894, and are far superior to any in the Everglades.

The great St. Cloud sugar plantation can be purchased for less than the buildings cost that now stand on it. It is fenced, has a 35-foot canal through it, has a standard gauge railroad on it, long distance telephone connection, postoffice and school, an absolutely healthful spot, free from malaria and insects. Compare this with the malarious and insect-laden air of the wilderness known as the Everglades, and then name its value.

The blackjacks ridges spoken of so slightly by Governor Broward are more valuable for agricultural purposes, and the sum already spent by the state is far in excess of the real value of the portion of the Everglades possible to reclaim.

Did the little picnic party just returned from Okeechobee, when they said "Okeechobee could be easily drained," remember that Lake Okeechobee took care of the rainfall of the Kissimmee valley, a territory 4,000 square miles in extent, as well as the rainfall of its own surface, which last year was 7 inches? And I have seen Kissimmee river stretch from Taylor Creek to Fish Eating creek, a distance of at least thirty miles. Think of a sheet of water thirty miles wide and from four to ten feet deep pouring into Lake Okeechobee; and then consider it "a simple matter" to carry it off through canals!

In addition to this enormous flow of water, it is a fact that the lower portion of the Everglades are subject to tides. Canals in this portion of the state would be useless. It is a fact that dry muck will burn equal to straw, and thousands of dollars have been spent fighting fires in the muck, and thousands of acres have been destroyed by fire in this vicinity. When once the Everglades is dry enough for cultivation, will the internal improvement board keep up organizing fire companies to put out the fires? or will the Louisville & Nashville railway company bear this expense after the five counties drain it for them?

Hillsborough must remember that the five counties to be skinned, for the worthless, impossible dream are her neighbors.

Respectfully—W. L. Van. Duzor in Tampa Times.

A Young Mother at 70.
"My mother suddenly became young at 70. Twenty years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored her strength she had in the prime of life," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick, of Danforth, Me. Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Sets stomach, liver, and kidneys right, purifies the blood, and cures malaria, biliousness and weak nerves. Wonderful nerve tonic. Price 50 cents. Guaranteed by Tydings & Co., druggists.

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American Missionary Association.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Oberlin, O., Oct. 3.—The sixteenth annual meeting of the American Missionary Association which was held here today was very largely attended by delegates from every part of the Union.

An address of welcome to the delegates was delivered by the president, Rev. Dr. A. H. Bradford, Montclair, N. J. Two subjects of great importance to colored people were discussed by two representative colored men. "What the Negro Has Done for Himself" by Prof. E. B. Moore, of Howard University and pastor of one of the Congregational churches in Washington, and "What the Negro Has Done With Himself" by Richard L. Wright, who, when a little lad told General Howard to tell the boys and girls in the north "we us risin'." This expression became famous on account of Whittier's poem concerning it.

Miss Mamie L. Blowers, of Porto Rico, spoke on "Woman's Work in That Country." Mr. Theodore Richards, of Hawaii, described his work among the South Sea Islanders.

There were also addresses on Missionary subjects by Dr. T. E. Burton, of Ohio; President W. M. Slocum, of Colorado University, and President J. H. Bradford, of New Jersey.

During the proceedings hymns were sung by the jubilee quartet from Fisk University.

The Irish Home Rule Question.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

London, Oct. 23.—Very important matters are set for consideration during the present session of Parliament which commenced today including the Irish Home Rule Bill which is expected will pass the commons with a sweeping majority.

Should the bill be rejected by the Lords, resolutions of a drastic nature will be passed in the commons dealing with the upper house.

The hopes of Irish Nationalists are high now that the great day in Irish history is approaching. Owing to the necessity of the Irish Catholic members bitterly opposing the government's education bill, there has been a constant possibility of a break between the liberals and the nationalists. This has caused Home Rule Bill before now.

All that is now over and henceforth the Irish Nationalists are likely to support Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in anticipation of the bill to the brought in February. It is said on the best authority that this bill will be a sweeping measure of local government but that it will not grant a separate parliament.

Meeting of Medicos of Three States.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 3.—Two hundred delegates were present today at the eighteenth annual session of the Tri-State Medical Society, which is composed of the most prominent physicians of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

Dr. A. B. Cooke, of Nashville, Tenn., the president, delivered the annual address, his subject being "Medicine and Things." The meeting this year was of much greater importance than any of its predecessors as the subject of a district branch of the American Medical Association will be considered. The district branch will include Kentucky, Louisiana and Florida and besides the states in the Tri-State Society. On this subject addresses were delivered by Dr. V. D. Haggard, Nashville, Tenn.; A. A. Davidson, Augusta, Ga.; Dr. W. F. McAudry, Birmingham, Ala., vice-president, and by Dr. Raymond Wallace, secretary, and Dr. George R. West, treasurer, both of this city.

Three Real Romances.

Here are three real life romances found in the news of a single day. Take your pick:

In Norristown, Pa., fifteen minutes after marrying Amanda McClain, Walter Johnson took a drink of whiskey. Mandy deserted at once and will sue for divorce.

In Mauch Chunk Park, Pa., Agnes Sullivan, ten minutes before she was to marry Chas. Arner called a friend and said: "Tell Charles I do not love him and therefore cannot marry him." She didn't either.

In Iola, Kan., ten years ago C. H. Gramley met Charlotte Hayes. Only once did they talk. Then he went off remembering. The other day his circumstances having changed, Gramley Hunted up Miss Hayes and she is now Mrs. Gramley.—Kansas City Life.

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The following from the Tampa Times sets forth the advantages Florida offers the farmers at the present time that comment would be superfluous:

"It is becoming generally recognized that Florida is about the only state in the country that has any really cheap land for farming purposes. This state of things is due to two facts. One is that Florida has never been regarded as a suitable region for profitable farming along those substantial lines with which the farmers of the country are generally familiar. The other is that the balance of the land has been so assiduously sought and taken that there is none left that may be considered cheap.

"It is gradually becoming to be known that staple farming can be conducted in Florida with more comfort and more profit than in those sections which have heretofore been regarded as superior. People are learning that there may be raised cattle, horses and hogs with as much or more facility than elsewhere. They are coming here in numbers to embark in the production of live stock. The success of these will bring others, and so population will accumulate and the prices of land go higher—though not for a long time to the extreme now prevailing in the more fertile states.

"The farm of the future in Florida will be a large one, and land is never high in price until it is thickly populated. When the lands of Florida are covered with people in the proportion that they will support, when the cultivating people are fully occupied, when the science of farming is applied, when every acre is used for all there is in it, when fertilizing and intense cultivation are the rule, then the price of Florida land will go to a higher figure than anywhere else in the country.

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Track Laying on Key West Extension Will Soon Begin.

The work of laying the track on the Florida East Coast railway extension in the keys will commence this week, says the Miami Metropolis, practically all of the work, including the laying of ties, have been completed on all of the keys except plantation key, where there is till some work to be done.

Track laying will commence on Kek Largo and continue on south from one key to another. The rails are now arriving.

The trestle and pier building are also progressing nicely. At Long Key, where the work is considered the most difficult, seventeen concrete piers have already been built and others are under way. A total of between three hundred and forty or forty piers will be built at this place. Up to a few days ago the work was retarded by the nonarrival of machinery and supplies, but these are now on the ground, and the engineers expect to make greater progress in the future. Material is being rushed to the various operations as rapidly as possible and a big showing will be made during the next six weeks.

The health of all the men continues good, and but a very few are leaving or contemplating leaving. They have good food, comfortable quarters and receive sufficient pay to make the positions worth holding on to.—St. Augustine Record.

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Death of Miss Conway.

After a short illness Miss Ellen Conway died at her home at Spring Park Tuesday afternoon. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from Messrs. Melver & MacKay's chapel in this city. The arrangements of the funeral were in charge of the Rebekah lodge of which the deceased was a member and Rev. C. C. Carroll, of the Baptist church, of which Miss Conway was also a member, conducted the services. The body was shipped to Starke, where the interment took place Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Conway was only twenty-six years of age and was a splendid young lady. She is survived by several brothers and sisters, who have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement.

The school authorities of Ocala certainly made a mistake if it is true that they did not allow the children to witness the corner stone laying exercises. The lesson in local patriotism such an event would have installed, the impression that would have been revived in after life at the sight of the building—these were far more important to each child's moral and mental well being than any lesson it learned that day from the printed page. In fact, the school children should be in some way a feature of every such celebration, these future citizens.—Times-Union.

134,717,580 BARRELS OF OIL.

Year's Production in the Fields of the United States.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—During the year 1905 the oil fields of the United States produced 134,717,580 barrels of petroleum, as against 117,080,580 barrels in 1904, according to a report issued today by the United States geological survey. This was greater by 11,636,620 than the production in any previous year, although the value of the oil produced was \$17,018,056 less than that of 1904.

During 1905 there was a notable development in the mid-continental oil field, and the completion of a pipe line from Humboldt, Kan., to Whiting, Ind., marked an important step in the transportation of oil.

ROOSEVELT TO OPEN FAIR.

Accepts an Invitation to Speak at Jamestown April 26.

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Harry St. George Tucker, of the Jamestown exposition, today called on President Roosevelt and notified him that April 26 next had been decided upon for the opening of the exposition.

President Roosevelt gave his promise to attend the opening ceremonies and to deliver an address. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and their daughter Ethel.

RESCUED AT SEA.

More East Coast Extension Employees Saved by Mallory Steamship.

The Mallory Liner Colorado, which arrived in Mobile yesterday, had on board J. E. Melsom, Charles Olsen, Charles Anderson and Otto Brink, who were picked up off Key West. Melsom says he saw seventy-nine men drowned from a houseboat, which was wrecked off Long Key, Florida, in last week's storm. The four men who were found by the Colorado's crew, standing on a raft made out of six logs, were in the water waist deep at the time. Melsom said he and the other men were on a houseboat at Long Key when the storm struck them, and blew the boat to sea. It soon went to pieces, and out of the 125 men on board seventy-five were drowned. The other forty-two have since been taken to Jacksonville. The men suffered terrible hardships. The men say the loss of life was heavier off Long Key than at any other point. The men were employed by the Florida East Coast railway on their extension work along the Florida keys from Miami to Key West.

Blow Was the Hardest Since the Year 1876.

Old residents of this section report that last Thursday's storm was the most severe since 1876. In that year there was a blow that banked the water up in the bay so that it overflowed places that have never since been overflowed, and even the pine trees were blown bare of needles.—Miami News.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haskell, who own a beautiful home at Weirsdale, on Lake Weir, have returned from Lake Towaway and other North Carolina mountain resorts, where they spent a very delightful summer.

If Hearst has the faculty of selecting the best and ablest men for his newspapers—the best writers and the best cartoonist, why will he not be able to select the best men for state positions when he gets to be governor?

Frank L. Stanton's poetry never lags and never grows stale. He never has a dull line. He is genial, bright, radiant, enthusiastic and optimistic. Like raindrops in the sunshine his poetry sparkles and gives out always freshness, beauty and fragrance.

The Atlanta Constitution says that if Luther Burbank, the pomological wizard of the Pacific slope, will give the world a wormless chestnut posterity will rise up and bless him.

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